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1 DEATH TOLL RISES AFTER MIGRANT BOAT CAPSIZES OFF EGYPT

Nine more bodies have been recovered from the Mediterranean a day after a boat carrying hundreds of migrants capsized off the coast of Egypt, officials said on Thursday, bringing the death toll to 52. Police arrested four members of the boat's crew. Security sources said it had been loaded with almost 600 migrants. The boat sank early on Wednesday off Burg Rashed, a village in Egypt's northern Beheira province where the Nile meets the Mediterranean. Rescue workers and fishermen have rescued 169 people, suggesting hundreds might have perished at sea. A survivor whose comments appeared in a video posted online said the migrants had been told that about 200 people would be on board but the smugglers had added another 50, causing the boat to founder. REUTERS

2 TOP US GENERAL: UNWISE TO SHARE INTELLIGENCE WITH RUSSIA ON SYRIA

The top U.S. general told Congress it would be unwise to share intelligence with Russia and stressed that would not be one of the military's missions if Washington and Moscow were to ever work together against Islamist militants in Syria. The United States and Russia clinched a cease-fire deal earlier this month that held out the possibility of joint targeting of Islamic State and other militants after a cessation of hostilities and delivery of humanitarian aid. But neither the U.S. nor Russian governments disclosed details about how precisely any possible future military coordination would work between the former Cold War foes. And the cease-fire quickly collapsed, making the possibility of future U.S.-Russia cooperation look remote. Marine General Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the U.S. military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, suggested any such coordination at a so-called "joint integration cell" would be extremely limited. The military, he said, had no intention of forging an intelligence sharing arrangement with Russia. REUTERS

3 SENATORS SEEK LABOR DEPARTMENT PROBE OF WELLS FARGO

Eight U.S. senators asked the Labor Department on Thursday to launch a probe into whether Wells Fargo may have violated wage and hour laws by failing to pay overtime to tellers and sales representatives who worked late to meet sales quotas. The request comes after Wells Fargo earlier this month was ordered to pay $190 million to settle civil charges alleging its employees had set up 2 million fake accounts in customers' names without their knowledge or consent. REUTERS

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1. Why is the city closing down about 10 miles of streets this weekend?

2. Who must the Eagles "contain" this weekend?

3. Which "Transparent" co-star is Amy Landecker dating?

FACEBOOK/PHILLY FREE STREETS

Take back the roads during Philly Free Streets

Ten miles of streets including South Street go car-free this weekend. Make sure you don't get towed.

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Philadelphia is embracing its reputation as "one of America's last great walking cities" this weekend by making South Street and other roads car-free.

Cars are banned and pedestrians and cyclists will get to take over the length of Front and South streets, along with a large chunk of West Fairmount Park, during Philly Free Streets, a pro-fitness city initiative that will take place on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Philadelphia was ranked the fourth most walkable city by the national Walk Score poll and it recently gave citizens a taste of open streets during the World Meeting of Families. Security measures for Pope Francis' visit shut down virtually all of Center City to vehicular traffic.

Hundreds of cyclists enjoyed the situation during the "PopeRide," pedaling along roads usually filled with automobiles. Some locals took advantage of this unexpected benefit to enhance their ordinary city walks. Filmmaker Cory J. Popp even made a short film, "Philly Without Cars."

Open Streets Philly was founded on Facebook within days of Pope Francis delivering Mass on the Parkway and quickly attracted thousands of followers. It has partnered with the City of Philadelphia's Managing Director's Office of Transportation & Infrastructure Systems to make that dream a reality.

There's no starting point and you can enter Free Streets from anywhere along the 10-mile route. Strollers are welcome. Bikes are too; riders are asked to yield to all pedestrians.

At various points along the route, Philly Free Streets will offer entertainment and attractions, including "free, family-friendly fitness activities and educational programming about the city's waterways, public art, architecture, environment and vibrant cultures."

Parking

Cars parked along the roads that are closing will be towed starting 3 a.m. on Saturday. The designated roads will close to traffic from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the event.

To accommodate displaced drivers, parking enforcement will be "relaxed" river to river from Locust Street to Washington Avenue from 5 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday, organizers said.

That means residents with zone parking can park outside their zone. Illegal parking will still get you a ticket.

Visit **Philly Free Streets** on **Facebook** or **phillyfreestreets.com** for more information about the event.

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Parking Authority chief keeps job despite 'admitted' sexual harassment of employee

The Philadelphia Commission for Women lambasted the decision to allow him to keep his job.

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Despite an independent probe into alleged inappropriate behavior toward one of his employees, Philadelphia Parking Authority Executive Director Vincent J. Fenerty Jr. will remain at his post, and continue earning his $223,000 annual salary.

A sexual harassment complaint filed by a senior director at the agency accused Fenerty, 60, of engaging in "a series of unwanted and repeatedly discouraged sexual advances," over the course of two years, according to a July 2015 letter from the PPA to Fenerty, obtained by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The director further accuses Fenerty of "inappropriate touching and other untoward, unprofessional conduct," the letter stated.

The Inquirer did not publish the accuser's name, but she alleged the behavior occurred at work and workplace events.

An external law firm hired by the authority conducted the investigation and informed Fenerty of its findings.

"The investigator determined, based on your admitted conduct, that you have engaged in sexual harassment … and otherwise engaged in unacceptable behavior in the workplace," a letter from the firm told Fenerty.

> *"There is no question that Vince Fenerty's behavior disqualifies him from leading a major state agency …"*
> Felicia Harris

The newspaper further reported that Fenerty will remain in his job. He had to foot the $30,000 bill of the private investigation and much of his responsibility has been curbed by the agency's board:

Fenerty can no longer hire, fire, promote, transfer or give raises to upper-level employees; he can offer recommendations, but a human-relations committee created by the board must sign off on all decisions. He must attend psychological and behavioral counseling on appropriate workplace behavior, which he'll be paying for. He's no longer permitted to go on overnight work trips with other employees without board permission, and must submit a list of all those attending the trip in order to spend the night.

The agency also modified its workplace policies regarding what's considered inappropriate behavior:

"Under no circumstances should you ever kiss, caress, hug, massage or otherwise engage in personal physical conduct with an Authority employee … You shall not comment on the personal appearance of an Authority employee … You may not engage in intimate personal conversations of a sexual nature with an Authority employee."

According to the Inquirer, the employee who filed the complaint against Fenerty did not pursue a lawsuit or financial settlement.

Fenerty has been with the PPA since 1983, and served as its executive director since 2005.

Since news broke of Fenerty's investigation, the chair of the Philadelphia Commission for Women, Felicia Harris, has called on Fenerty to step down from his position.

"There is no question that Vince Fenerty's behavior disqualifies him from leading a major state agency, a fact all but acknowledged by the board when they stripped him of most of his professional responsibilities last year," Harris said in a statement.

Vincent J. Fenerty Jr., executive director for the Philadelphia Parking Authority
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Police charge second woman for hindering probe into shooting death of Camden child

A second woman has been charged with hindering the investigation into the death of an 8-year-old girl who was hit by a tray bullet in a Camden neighborhood shootout, authorities said.

Natasha Gerald, 19, of Sicklerville, New Jersey, was charged Wednesday for providing a false alibi for a person of interest in the death of Gabrielle Hill-Carter, who was killed last month, the Camden County Prosecutor's Office announced.

Gabrielle Hill-Carter, 8 CAMDEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

If convicted, Gerald faces a maximum five-year sentence in prison.

Earlier this month, Shakia Land, 35, was arrested for providing detectives with a false alibi for a person of interest in the shooting, according to the prosecutor's office. Land could face up to 18 months in prison.

The Citizens Crime Commission is offering a $76,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for Hill-Carter's death.

The young girl was caught in the crossfire when a shootout erupted on the 900 block of Eighth Street in Camden on Aug. 24. She died two days later from her injuries at Cooper University Medical Center.

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Budding musicians will soon be able to borrow instruments from the library.

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The Free Library is expanding its offerings to give citizens even more ways to become renaissance men and women.

An electric guitar, electric bass, acoustic-electric guitar, mandolin, banjo, and ukulele will be available for loan from the Free Library's new Musical Instrument Collection at the Parkway Central branch under a new program starting Monday. The cost, of course, is zero dollars.

"We know Philadelphia's one of the most passionate cities of music on Earth," the Library said in a statement announcing the new program. "Studies show playing a musical instrument can improve mood, school performance, and quality of life."

The instruments come with tuners, gig bags and picks. Electric instruments come with small practice amps.

Loans will be for three weeks each, one instrument at a time, first come, first serve. No holds can be placed.

To celebrate the new program, the Citywide Specials band is playing a pop-up concert in the library's lobby Sunday at 3 p.m. Drop-in jam sessions are scheduled at the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as the program launches at the library on Sept. 26.

Donations of gently used instruments are being accepted to expand the program beyond the first six instruments.

To learn more, visit freelibrary.org.

BRIEFS

Man struck by SEPTA Market-Frankford train

A man whose legs were dangling onto the tracks at Huntingdon Station was struck Thursday morning by a train on the Market-Frankford line, NBC10 reported.

The man was either lying or sitting on the platform with his legs hanging over the edge just before 10 a.m. when he was struck.

The man's leg's were pinned between the train and platform until emergency responders arrived.

Officials told CBS Philly that the conductor didn't see the man, who was taken to Temple University Hospital.

Information about the condition of the man, whose identity wasn't disclosed by police, was unavailable.

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Clinton proposes 65 percent tax on US billionaire estates

Known by conservative opponents as the "death tax," the estate tax, levied on property such as cash, real estate, stock or other assets transferred from deceased persons to heirs, currently is imposed only on inherited assets worth $5.45M or more for an individual.

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton on Thursday proposed raising taxes on inherited property to 65 percent for the largest estates as she bolstered plans for tax hikes on the wealthiest Americans.

Clinton's plan, posted on her campaign's website, would raise the estate tax to 45 percent, the rate that existed in 2009, from the current 40 percent. But the biggest estates would face rates of as much as 65 percent for property valued at more than $500 million for a single person or $1 billion per couple, under her proposal, an update of an earlier plan.

Clinton's proposed top rate of 65 percent would be the highest estate tax since the 1980s and is in line with a proposal made during the Democratic primaries by her former rival for the party's presidential nomination, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Her campaign said the boosted estate tax and a change in the rules to tax capital gains associated with inherited assets would help pay for other proposals to benefit middle-class people, such as expanding a tax credit for working parents.

"Hillary Clinton has made a commitment throughout this campaign to make sure there is a plan to pay for the progressive policies we have laid out," said Mike Shapiro, an economic adviser to Clinton.

Hillary Clinton GETTY IMAGES

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan group focused on budget issues, said Clinton's new tax proposals including the estate tax changes, taxes on capital gains of inherited assets and other provisions would together raise $260 billion in revenue over a decade.

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, a wealthy real estate developer, wants to eliminate the estate tax. Clinton's proposal prompted criticism from conservatives ahead of her first debate with Trump on Monday night. REUTERS

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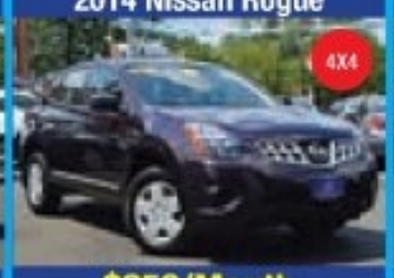

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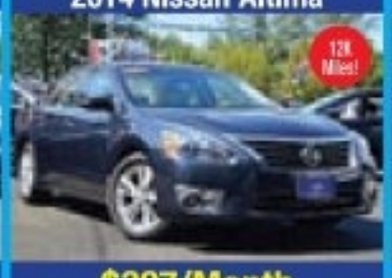

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Yahoo says at least 500M accounts hacked in 2014

Yahoo Inc. said Thursday information associated with at least 500 million user accounts was stolen from its network in 2014 by what it believed was a "state-sponsored actor."

The stolen data may have included names, email addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth and hashed passwords but may not have included unprotected passwords, payment-card data or bank-account information, the company said.

"The investigation has found no evidence that the state-sponsored actor is currently in Yahoo's network," the company said.

Yahoo said it was working with law enforcement on the matter.

It was not clear how this disclosure might affect Yahoo's plan to sell its email service and other core internet properties to Verizon Communications Inc.

Yahoo GETTY IMAGES

Verizon said in July it would buy Yahoo's core internet properties for $4.83 billion.

Verizon said Thursday it was notified of the breach in the last two days.

"We will evaluate as the investigation continues through the lens of overall Verizon interests ... Until then, we are not in position to further comment," the company said. REUTERS

BRIEF

Image purported to be Michelle Obama's passport posted online

An image purported to be a scanned copy of first lady Michelle Obama's passport was leaked online Thursday alongside personal emails said to belong to a low-level White House staffer who worked with Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

Reuters was unable to verify the authenticity of the passport or related documents, the latest dump of sensitive material by a hacking entity U.S. intelligence officials suspect is linked to Russia.

The White House on Thursday declined to comment on their validity, but spokesman Josh Earnest said the administration was taking the matter seriously.

"We're aware of those media reports, and it is something we're looking into," Attorney General Loretta Lynch said at a news conference.

The emails published Thursday appear to be from a Gmail account belonging to staffer Ian Mellul and largely contain mundane information concerning planning logistics for Clinton campaign events.

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THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY

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Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously." @tomforemancnn

This is why people doubt their government.

A report from federal investigators found more than 800 people who were supposed to be deported were instead granted U.S. citizenship, because they just chose new names and birthdates for themselves. No massive support from foreign operatives. No huge computer hack. They simply sidestepped the security process as neatly as ballroom dancers.

Mind you, these folks were from countries of concern to security experts and/or had tried to cheat the system before, so the feds had fingerprints which could have prevented this goof up. But those records were old, had not been digitized and were not readily available to immigration officials. So, bake a loaf of banana bread and get some flowers — let's welcome the new neighbors!

I don't want to demonize these people. Homeland Security points out many of them probably represent no significant security threat. But how do officials know? This report came from Homeland's own inspector general and says in bold print "Few of these naturalized U.S. citizens have been investigated."

How you view all of this probably depends on how you see politics in general. If you find government a positive force, peopled by dedicated civil servants, you'll likely be satisfied this was an honest mistake. But if you think government is full of overbearing, barely competent bureaucrats … like I said, this is another log to hurl onto your bonfire of doubt.

Mistakes like this give those who already have doubts every reason to go on doubting the government's ability to grapple with problems and its honesty about failures. They doubt promises that Syrian refugees will be properly screened to keep out terrorists. They doubt the effectiveness of health care reform. They doubt educational initiatives. They doubt trade deals.

In my experience, these are not bad Americans. They don't want to feel this way. But they see in such mistakes evidence of a runaway bureaucracy, unwilling to hold anyone accountable and unable to properly serve its citizens. Of that, they have no doubt.

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On Transparent, Amy Landecker, (left), plays Sarah, the oldest and arguably most melodramatic of the three Pfefferman kids. AMAZON

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Amy Landecker isn't holding back

The star of "Transparent" hits her stride.

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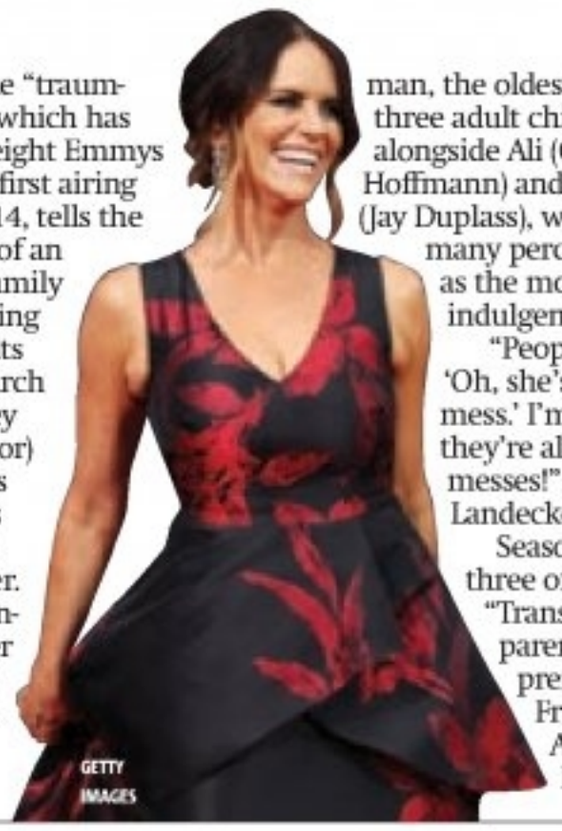
Amy Landecker is just getting started.

The 46-year-old actor worked in theater in Chicago for years. Supporting roles in "A Serious Man" and "Dan in Real Life" gave her on-screen cred, but it wasn't until she landed a starring role in Amazon Studios' "Transparent" that she came into her own.

The "traumedy," which has won eight Emmys since first airing in 2014, tells the story of an L.A. family adapting after its patriarch (Jeffrey Tambor) comes out as transgender.



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Landecker plays Sarah Pfefferman, the oldest of the three adult children, alongside Ali (Gaby Hoffmann) and Josh (Jay Duplass), whom many perceive as the most self-indulgent.

"People say, 'Oh, she's a hot mess.' I'm like, they're all hot messes!" says Landecker.

Season three of "Transparent" premieres Friday on Amazon Prime.

Last season showed your character picking up the pieces after her divorce and nonstarter second marriage. What can we expect for Sarah in season three?

Last season felt like I was doing a lot of dating and smoking [weed] and acting out and being alone. It felt very divorce-y to me, like how my [real-life] divorce felt.

This season felt very light for me, more buoyant, because she's going through a spiritual exploration.

We've gleaned from social media you're pretty close with Kathryn Hahn.

I lobbied for Kathryn to work with me! I basically did this show because of "Afternoon Delight"— I was so blown away by Kathryn's performance. She also happens to be one of the warmest, funniest human beings.

You found success as an actress later in life. What's that like?

What's great about my story to tell is that there's an exception to every rule. The fact that my on-camera career found its footing at this amazing job in my 40s? You can't have hope if you don't have an example of the possibility, whatever it is you're trying to do.

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90 Years of Coltrane

The Philadelphia Jazz Project celebrates John Coltrane's birthday with shows and more.

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The late, great jazz saxophonist John Coltrane would have turned 90 this weekend. To celebrate that Sept. 23 birthday, as well as Trane's 15 years of living of Philadelphia (he moved from North Carolina to 1511 N. 33rd St. in 1943), Homer Jackson's Philadelphia Jazz Project has gathered the troops for several parties: not just local jazz musicians, but DJs, beat-boxers, programmers and more. With the aid of the Wyncote Foundation and its fiscal host, Culture Trust of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia Jazz Project's Coltrane at 90 is free to the public wherever you go. That means Sept. 22's show dedicated to Coltrane's classic "Equinox" at Conwell Dance Theater and Sept. 23's solo saxophonist marathon at Church of the Advocate hosted by WRTI's, J. Michael Harrison with reeds men Bobby Zankel, Greg Osby, Sonny Fortune and Odean Pope. That also includes Sept. 25's closing night Listening Party & Jam Session at The Fire where Brewerytown Beats & Cratebeats Inc. host a DJ beat battle with rappers and synth-techno heads joining in at will. Jackson gives up the information on how the celebration came to be.

What can you tell me about choosing players for "Equinox" and how their abilities portray Coltrane's fascination with science and celestial bodies?

I chose local jazz musicians Alfie Pollitt and Alan Nelson as music directors because we have long discussed their personal Coltrane tales. Both of their stories deal with accessibility: Coltrane was a neighbor. Alan as a kid tried to sneak in to those classic South Street area clubs to see Trane as an underage teen and had to sit outside looking in the window. In fact, their tales are being illustrated for a book of Philadelphia Jazz Stories that we are working on. Alfie has an interesting background as a former Sound of Philadelphia musician and R&B player. Alan is a journeyman drummer who spent many years working with trumpeter/composer Hannibal Lokumbe.

John Coltrane plays Copenhagen in 1961. PHOTO BY JP JAZZ ARCHIVE /REDFERNS

The thing at The Fire where DJs, programmers and musicians are encouraged to create new Coltrane music or Coltrane-inspired music looks great. What do you hope happens?

We rarely present "bands." We put together special events, select folks from different places, different sets. We want to create special opportunities for the audience and the artists. So, our performances present diverse ensembles that cut across, age, education, clique, affiliations that are pretty standard in the community. We want folks who would never work together to meet and exchange ideas. At The Fire, I hope that we get folks from the different genre communities to reach across the aisle and try something out. We are preparing something down the road for collaboration between Jazz musicians and DJ/producers. Maybe we'll get a head start on Sunday.

How is the Coltrane at 90 showing off all of PJP's best sides?

PJP served and serves as a vessel for the community's thoughts on celebrating Coltrane's 90th birthday. We opened the process to our mailing list to participate in presenting concepts for what this celebration should look like. Audience members, musicians, artists, writers and organizations participated. What came together is a sum total of what we all could muster at the price-point we could swing. Trane should be part of the basic fabric of this community. That he's not is a shame on us. W.C. Fields pimp-slapped Philly many years ago. We're still punch-drunk from that. Let's get over it and get to the work of realizing and actualizing our potential.

How does the Coltrane at 90 event define the Philadelphia Jazz Project — in how it celebrated the historical artist, worked with other elder giants and new music make who are either inspired by Trane or should be?

I hope all of PJP's work defines us as hard-working, forward-thinking and Philly-first minded.

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"Storks"

Director: Doug Sweetland, Nicholas Stoller
Voices of: Adam Samberg, Katie Crown
Rating: PG

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Katie Crown voices a human and Andy Samberg voices a stork in "Storks." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

"Storks," a very loud children's movie, concerns corporate corruption and the nebulous nature of the nuclear family. The movie was co-directed by Nicholas Stoller, who helmed "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," a very funny R-rated comedy in which Jason Segal flops his penis around, as well as this year's "Neighbors 2," a movie about nefarious sorority girls and a shirtless Zac Efron. You get the feeling that he may not have a very good grasp of children's entertainment.

In "Storks," the birds have abandoned the baby business and now deliver packages. Andy Samberg, doing an ersatz Jim Carrey, plays Junior, a stork smitten with the idea of becoming boss. When Junior can't bring himself to fire the inept human worker Tulip (Katie Crown) who routinely ruins their profit margin, he ends up on an adventure to deliver a pink-haired human baby to Ty Burrell and Jennifer Aniston.

The idea of "Storks" is sort of fun, in theory, but the animation is generic and the tone confused. For every dumbed-down, diluted adult joke about gentrification or father-son bonding, the movie gives us some gratuitous slapstick, because kids love violence. It also has an irritating habit of setting up a decent visual gag, then explaining that a gag just happened, in case we didn't get it. Hearing Kelsey Grammer, as the stork boss, bellow, "Destroy the baby factory!" is pretty amusing, though.

Like an old man writing a think piece on the perils of millennials, "Storks" feels painfully out of touch. Its vague platitudes on family and capitalism won't make sense to kids and are too blunt for adults. The most annoying of the many annoying characters says "brah" a lot. As in, "Is 'Storks' good? Nah, brah." GREG CWIK

"The Magnificent Seven"

Director: Antoine Fuqua
Stars: Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt
Rating: PG-13

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"The Magnificent Seven" is a Western. Maybe that's good enough. It's always great to have a new oater in an age when the genre's as dead as a drunk who started a fight with John Wayne. Watching Antoine Fuqua's redo of the pokey 1960 classic, about gun-slinging rogues hired to save a town, is a truly bittersweet experience — or as bittersweet as a movie with a potentially Guinness-level body count can be. You may be eager to forgive it its superficial volleys for diversity, if only because you so rarely see six-shooters and frontier saloons and, especially, Denzel Washington on a horse.

Washington leads the rainbow-colored crew, which now includes only three white guys, plus a Mexican guy, a Chinese guy and a Native American. The nonwhites who aren't Denzel get the least to do, but so it goes. At least there will be blood — or, actually, there won't be, because this is a PG-13 family picture.

Director Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day") has never not made an R-rated movie, and you can tell. The pistol-shootin' climax is like a Bosch painting with all the gnarly bits censored. During an earlier, more modest shoot-out — one that claims "only" 25 dead — our heroes each count their kills to see who "won." No one can count as high as the number mowed down in the epic closer, which seems excessive even before the baddies bust out a Gatling gun. Not that you didn't have a good time. Call it a draw. MATT PRIGGE

The gang's all here: Vincent D'Onofrio, Martin Sensmeier, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Ethan Hawke, Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt and Lee Byung-hun are your new Magnificent Seven. METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER, COLUMBIA PICTURES

"Queen of Katwe"

Director: Mira Nair
Stars: Madina Nalwanga, David Oyelowo
Rating: PG

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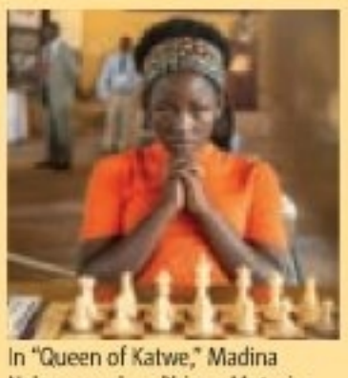
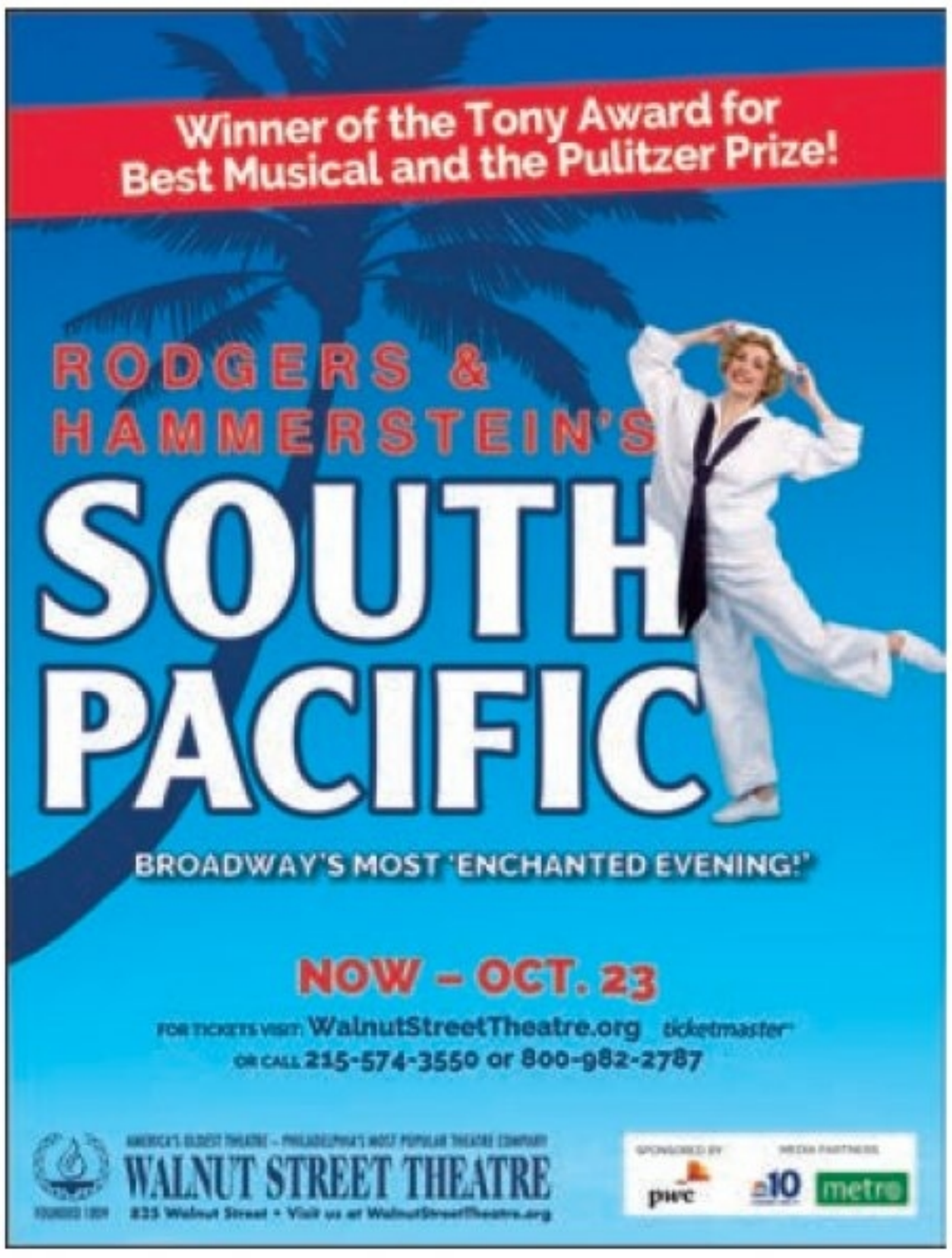


In "Queen of Katwe," Madina Nalwanga plays Phiona Mutesi, a real-life woman who went from the slums of Uganda to the world's chess tournaments. EDWARD ECHWALU

Square as a chessboard, "Queen of Katwe" is a straight-up, no-shame underdog movie. But underneath it runs real feeling, not the least because its hero, one Phiona Mutesi (played by Madina Nalwanga), is no mere up-from-the-bootstraps go-getter. She came all the way from the slums of Uganda and became a World Candidate Master at chess by the time she was barely a teen. Most underdog movies are about winning and elevating one's self up a couple castes; "Katwe," at heart, is about basic survival.

It's still more fable than social-realist tract. Young Phiona's gifts seem to come from up on high, though she still has to work. Her teacher is Robert Katende (a boyishly charming David Oyelowo), a part-time soccer coach who runs a chess program for low- and no-income kids. He's amazed when the shy, soft-spoken Phiona, who can't afford school and can't even read, is a natural chess god. Soon she's being jetted all over the world, but always returning to squalor.

The acting helps make the cliches come alive, particularly Lupita Nyong'o as Phiona's tough but maternal mom, who threatens to steal the movie just by strutting her stuff. But the real star is director Mira Nair ("Monsoon Wedding"). She's a filmmaker who always conveys a strong sense of community and place. She does the same here. Her film depicts Katwe as a place teeming with life and even beauty, with people defined by more than just their struggles. Nair sticks to the paint-by-numbers script, but she has a way of making the corniest, most stock moments feel lively, or at least sincere. All "Katwe" had to do was tell a simple story. Instead, it does more. MP



"Author: The JT LeRoy Story"

Director: Jeff Feuerzeig
Genre: Documentary
Rating: R

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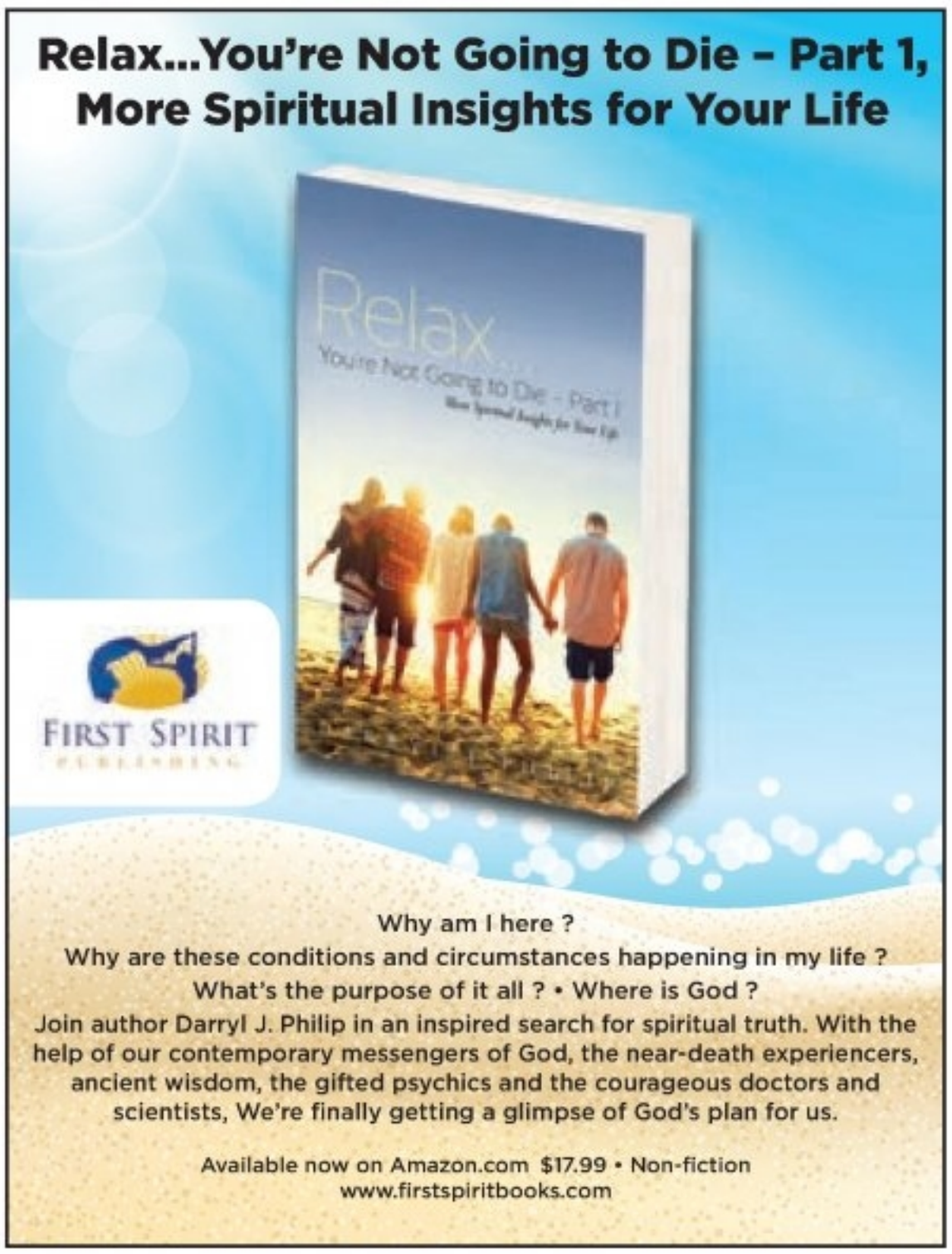
"Author: The JT LeRoy Story" offers a worthwhile thought experiment: What if Laura Albert wasn't a horrible person? Starting in the late '90s, Albert, a random middle-aged woman with no hope for fame, fooled the coolest people in the world into thinking she was a teenage boy drug addict turned cool author. The jig lasted only a handful of years, and it was a fine run yielding untold famous friends and a producer credit on Gus Van Sant's "Elephant."

In other words, it would make a great movie — and that's even before you learn it involved juggling multiple pseudonyms, asking a relative (Savannah Knoop) to file public appearances as the "real" JT LeRoy and Albert herself posing as "Speedy," her creation's fake messenger/assistant, for which she adopted loud clothes and a ridiculous British accent.

The affair has already been tackled dispassionately in the doc "The Cult of JT LeRoy," and will likely become a docudrama movie, probably made by James Franco. What "Author" has to offer is Albert herself. Director Jeff Feuerzeig previously made "The Devil and Daniel Johnston," and like that doc he lends a sympathetic ear to a troubled soul. "Author" doesn't pretend to offer the official truth — it just entertains the notion that Albert, as Jean Renoir would say, has her reasons.

And those reasons aren't unsympathetic. Ignored by the world, sullen and suicidal, Albert found that the only way she could write was when she pretended to be someone else. Interviewed in front of stylized backgrounds, Albert isn't entirely apologetic, and is still too amused and gobsmacked, even a decade on, by what she was able to accomplish. "Author" allows us the chance to ignore that she's a fraud for a bit and empathize with a broken soul, even if we suspect she'd exploit our good graces in a second. **MATT PRIGGE**

Laura Albert reminisces about that time she fleeced a legion of cool people into thinking she was a young drug addict-turned-writer in "Author: The JT LeRoy Story." **MAGNOLIA PICTURES**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Morgan Saylor (with Brian "Sene" Marc) plays a Queens transplant who goes a little out of control in "White Girl." FILMRISE

"White Girl"

Director: Elizabeth Wood
Genre: Morgan Saylor, Brian "Sene" Marc
Rating: R

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From the title on down, it seems like "White Girl" can't wait for you to hashtag it #problematic. It's a movie where a lily-white lass (Morgan Saylor) drops into a pre-gentrified part of Queens and hooks up with Latino stereotypes. They're of the drug dealing variety (of course), and they can't wait to make it with some hotcha suburbanite who doesn't know any better. Which reminds us, "White Girl" is also a fleshy shocker about girls gone wild — a treat for reactionary types as well as pervs (in some cases they may be both).

Printed out like that, cold and clinical, it sounds like "White Girl" was made to fuel untold outrage articles. Watching it unfold is another thing. It's clear from the start that it's more compassionate than calculated (though still always a little bit #problematic). This isn't some "Kids" knockoff, where the characters are just infrequently clothed bodies, there to swallow booze and drugs while we gasp and leer. They're real characters, and the movie takes them and their predicaments seriously.

That's partly due to writer-director Elizabeth Wood, who based the story on her youthful pulchritude and is clearly working through issues impossible to resolve. And it's also thanks to star Saylor ("Homeland," "Being Charlie"), who's able to make her character both foolish and legitimately curious, staring at a new and combustible world with suspicion and hungry excitement.

That's good, because we might otherwise be primed to read her as just a stupid white girl — a bubbleheaded omen of gentrification and destruction. It sees everything as a double-edge sword, where characters can be stereotypes but also real people, where a girl can be used and want to be used, where a salacious movie about a white girl doing drugs can seek to shock and illuminate. It's more thoughtful and, in the end, even more disturbing than a movie that just wants to disturb. MATT PRIGGE

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3 Things to watch for as Eagles face Steelers

The Birds face what may be the best team in football on Sunday.

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The Eagles lead the entire NFL in some pretty prolific categories through two weeks of the regular season.

Among them is turnover differential (they are +5), point differential (+34) and of course margin of victory.

The 2-0 Eagles have made short work of the Browns and Bears, knocking each team's starting quarterback out long-term in the wake of two impressive victories.

On Sunday at 4:25 (on CBS) Eagles fans and NFL pontificators will determine whether the Eagles are for real or not after they take on the 2-0 Steelers at Lincoln Financial Field.

Here's what we're looking forward to seeing in Week 3:

1 A real defense

The Browns and Bears are NFL teams and have some talented NFL players — like Joe Haden or LaMarr Houston — but the Steelers are a real NFL defense and a force to be reckoned with.

"The biggest thing really, and it's what you see on film, is the aggressive style," Doug Pederson said on the upgrade in defense Philly is sure to see. "I mean, they love to get after the passer. They will bring those two middle backers, [Ryan] Shazier and [Lawrence] Timmons — they'll bring both of those guys.

"One thing you notice, too, is they love to keep their eyes on the quarterback and vision on the quarterback, and so it becomes, for any quarterback, where you are looking in the progression of plays. You've got to be able to look off and do some different things that way."

2 Containing Antonio Brown

The top wide receiver in the NFL over the past two plus years will have the Eagles' secondary in fits, especially with Leodis McKelvin expected to miss his second straight game at cornerback.

With Nolan Carroll III, a big, speedy and solid cornerback starting against Brown, the Steelers will try and utilize any mismatch they can when they catch the rookie Jalen Mills or journeyman Ron Brooks covering Brown instead.

"Well, you've got to know where he's at," Pederson said. "You see what they have done with him, moving him around the field in different spots. Single him up; put him in bunch packages; stack packages. One thing [Steelers offensive coordinator] Todd [Haley] does well is he moves his personnel around and he takes advantage of that. He knows what he has. You need to know where [Brown] is at, but they've got some explosive guys on offense that I think if you put all your attention to one guy, another one can beat you. You have got to pay attention to all those guys.

The Eagles will have a tough task in attempting to contain Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers' offense. GETTY IMAGES

3 Wentz wagon rolls

Carson Wentz has continued to confound critics and the Eagles will go as far as he takes them this season. Can the rookie quarterback keep this up?

"He wants to be good," Pederson said. "He wants to be one of the top quarterbacks in the National Football League at some point. He looks at the games and goes, 'Man, I could have done that better on that play or my eyes could have been here or I could have sped my feet up on this drop.' Those are all things that come with playing and with time."

Another week, another window into the Eagles long-term future. With a bye week following the Steelers game, his performance in Week 3 will be talk-show chatter for quite some time leading into Philly's trip to Detroit on Oct. 9.

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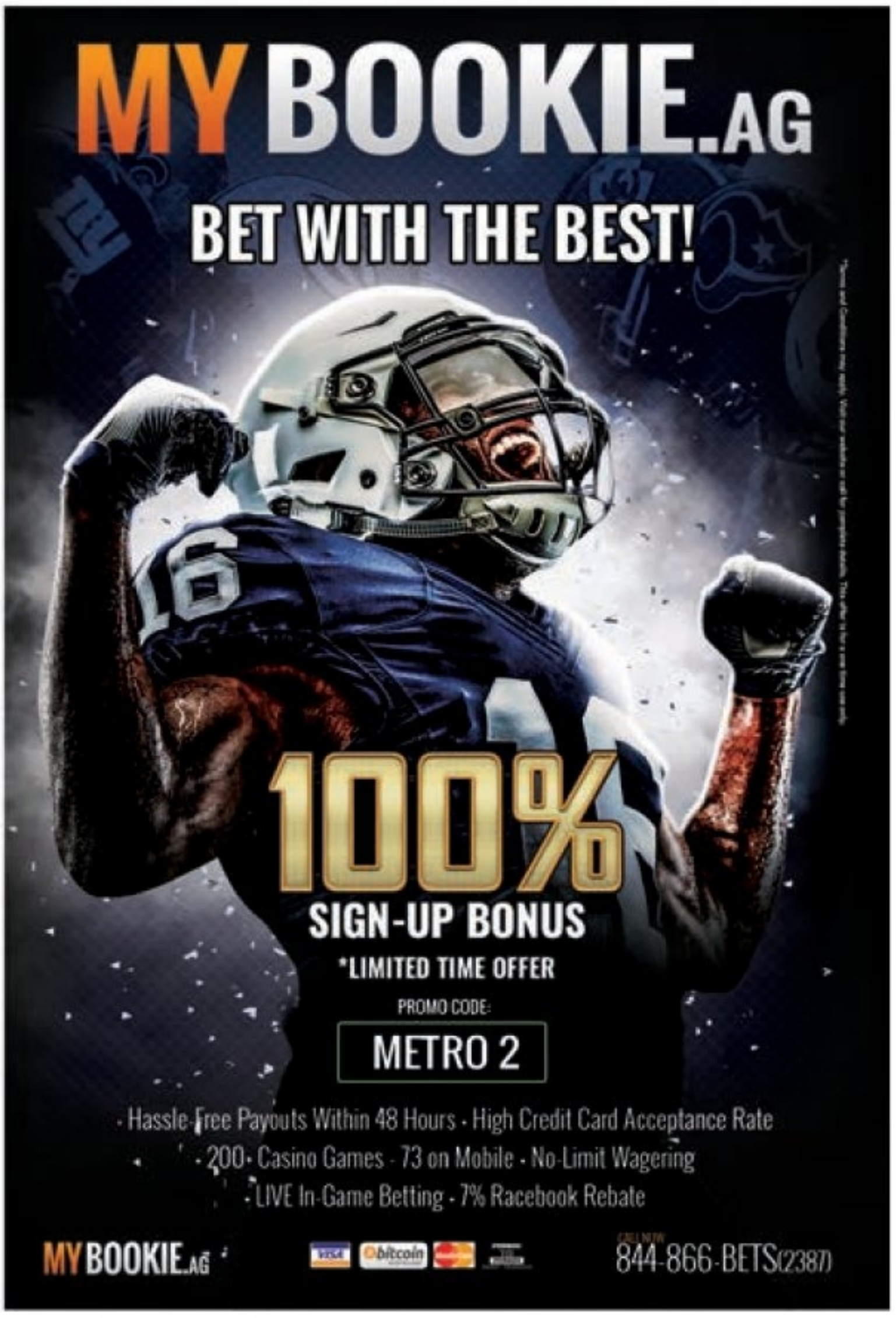

The best bets for NFL Week 3.

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A look at NFL Week 3, and where you should place your cash this weekend.

Arizona Cardinals (-4) @ Buffalo Bills

The Cardinals came out flat in their Week 1 loss to the Patriots, but they were firing on all cylinders in Week 2 as they crushed the Buccaneers, 40-7. This will be the first time Arizona takes its show on the road, but that shouldn't be a problem for the Cards as they were 6-2 against the spread in their road games last season. Carson Palmer and crew will face a Bills squad that appears to be in total disarray. Buffalo fired its offensive coordinator (Greg Roman) despite putting up 31 points on the Jets last Thursday, and there is speculation that head coach Rex Ryan is on the hot seat after an 0-2 start.
The pick: Cardinals -4

Oakland Raiders @ Tennessee Titans (-1.5)

The venue will play a huge part in this contest. Marcus Mariota has been out of sync in the Music City, as he threw nine INTs compared to just nine TDs at home last year. This goes a long way in explaining why the Titans have dropped four of their last five ATS at home. The Raiders are 6-1 ATS in their last seven road games, including a Week 1 cover in New Orleans. Tennessee has been able to shut down the Vikings' and Lions' offense in successive weeks, but they'll get a stern test as the Raiders have put up over 450 yards of offense in each of their first two games. Expect Oakland to come out on top in a potential shootout.
The pick: Raiders +1.5

San Diego Chargers @ Indianapolis Colts (-3)

The injury focus seems to be on San Diego, as RB Danny Woodhead was ruled out for the year with an ACL tear just one week after WR Keenan Allen was diagnosed with the same injury. But the Colts may be just as hurt as the Chargers. They had to go to the bottom of their depth chart just to get some feasible cornerbacks to play last week, as Vontae Davis, Darius Butler and Patrick Robinson have all been battling various ailments. Davis is listed as out indefinitely, while the other two are considered "questionable" for Sunday's tilt. Even at full strength the Colts defense is subpar; they let up 39 points hosting Detroit in Week 1.
The pick: Chargers +3

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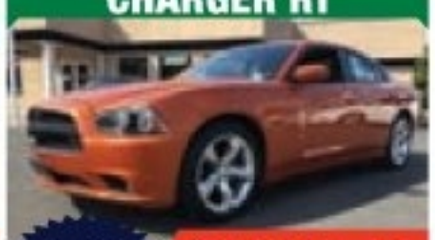
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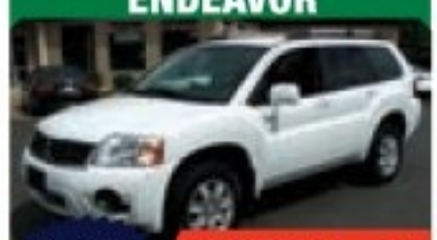
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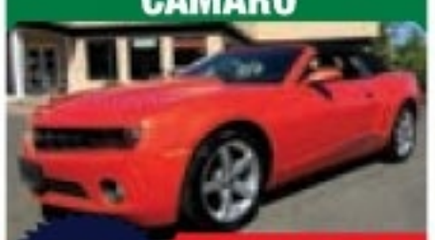
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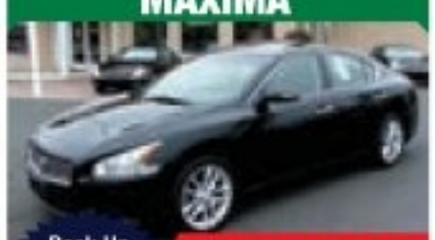
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Dale Weise is happy to have Chicago in the rearview mirror. GETTY IMAGES

Weise confident he can have his best NHL season yet with Flyers

Weise is more than happy to have Chicago in the rearview mirror.

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Dale Weise saw his minutes nearly cut in half last season when he was dealt from Montreal to Chicago.

Averaging about 15 minutes of ice time with Montreal, Weise was playing anywhere from five to nine minutes a night in Chicago. That was frustrating for the 28-year-old, but that temporary feeling was exchanged for elation when the Philadelphia Flyers sent a four-year deal his way this offseason.

Now, he's ready to return the favor.

"I put Chicago behind me," Weise said during Thursday's player evaluation session. "Chicago didn't affect my confidence at all. I'm in great shape right now and I'm ready to get going.

"For a team to show me that confidence with a four-year deal, you obviously want to reward them with your hard work and just bring what I can to the team."

The Flyers didn't throw that lofty contract in his direction because of the one point he recorded in 15 games with the Blackhawks. It was a result of his elevated level of play since 2013.

Through his 3½ in the league, Weise was somewhat of a journeyman fourth-liner. In the 2013-14 season, between Vancouver and Montreal, the Manitoba native scored 16 points and set career-highs in goals (6) and assists (10).

That was the prelude for his breakout season when he was 26 years old. In 79 games with the Canadiens, Weise racked up 29 points on 10 goals and 19 assists. He followed that up with 26 points in 56 games before the unfortunate move to Chicago.

Weise credits the success he's had as he's gotten older to nothing more than being given a chance.

"As I've gotten older, I've gotten better," Weise said. "I've gotten more experience and I just continue to get a bigger role. There's so many guys in the NHL that can be successful … if they're given the opportunity, but sometimes they don't get a chance."

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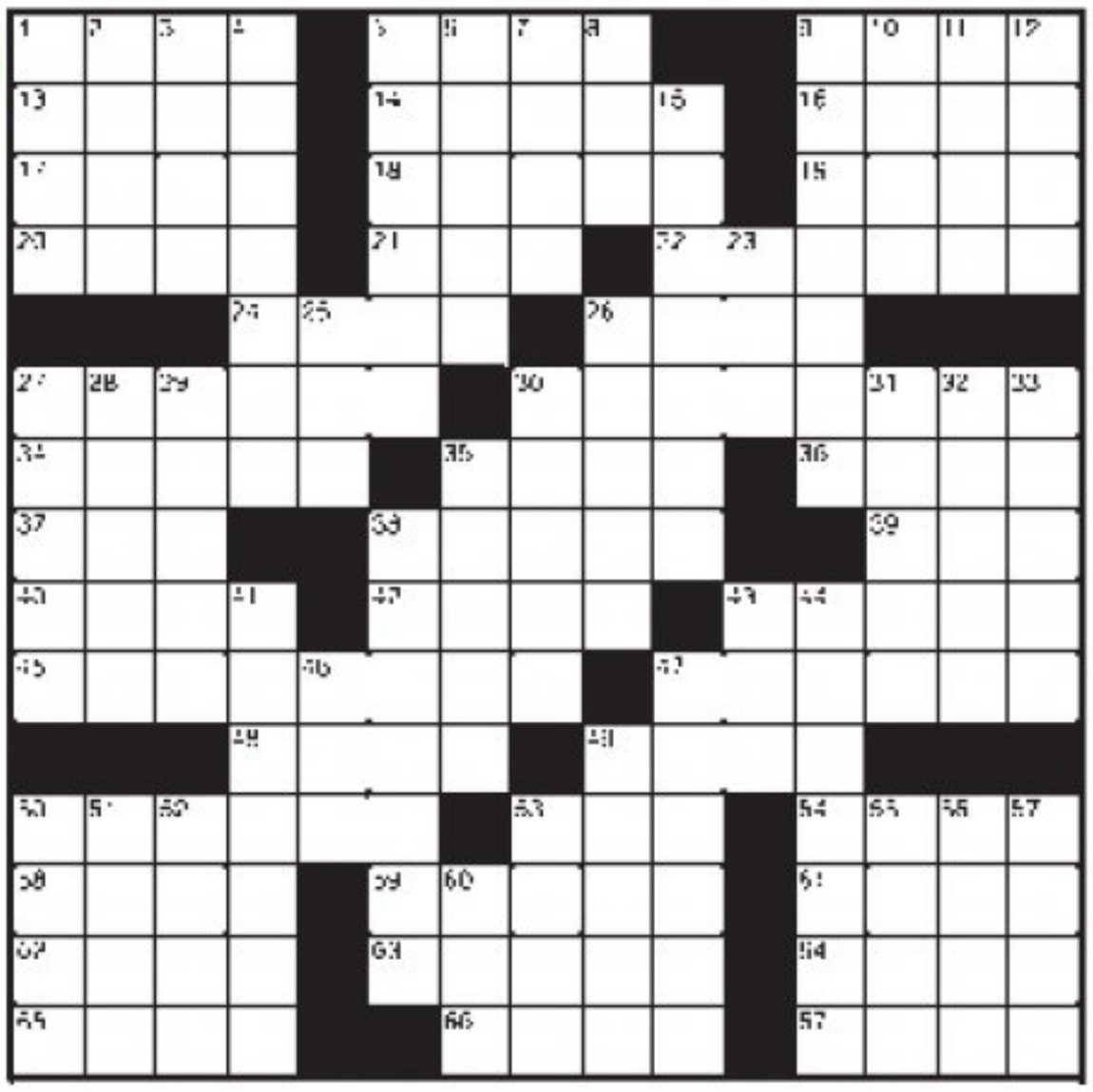

Across

1 Is, in Segovia
5 Blight, as hopes
9 Jar
13 Hit the horn
14 Take place
16 Emmy-winning Falco
17 Dad's sister
18 Windy City airport
19 Heavy volume
20 Twig bearer
21 Party girl
22 Dowager
24 Exec. degrees
26 Rigatoni kin
27 Camera stand
30 Talk
34 Avis rival
35 Some machines do it
36 Hardens, as glue
37 Ms. MacGraw
38 Uses hip boots
39 -- and don'ts
40 Mich. neighbor
42 Mournful wail
43 Pasture entrance
45 Tall beer glass
47 Large crowds
48 Draws to a close
49 "Oom-pah" instrument
50 Earl "the Pearl" of the NBA
53 Keep fit
54 Troubles, to Hamlet
58 With, to monsieur
59 Beauty aid
61 Kind of roast
62 -- -majeste
63 Fountain treats
64 Ms. Ferber
65 Aardvark's diet
66 Etiquette guru
67 Fraught with meaning

Down

1 Coup d'--
2 Turn in the kitchen
3 Shade
4 Give it a go
5 Whatchamacallit
6 Yearns for
7 Sign of healing
8 "Ben- --"
9 Piers
10 Nose stimulus
11 Prom rental
12 New driver, maybe
15 Prompts
23 Dune buggy kin
25 Musician -- Scaggs
26 Frigid and temperate
27 Softens up
28 Curio
29 Type of coffee
30 Hot-tub wood
31 Overhauled
32 Elegant wrap
33 Hairpin curves
35 Dells
38 Rambles around
41 Forces
43 Kind of story
44 Shadowed
46 The Plastic -- Band
47 Most immense
49 Livy's garments
50 Actress -- Powers
51 Part of the range
52 Wildlife shelter
53 Karate kin
55 Seam, in mining
56 Bottom --
57 Cinch
60 Dinny's rider

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